GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF TRIBAL CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main emphasis of present policy on tribal development is to bring the tribals into the mainstream;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will put an end to their centuries old culture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken by the Government to protect tribal culture as well as to bring them in the mainstream?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d) For the development of the Scheduled Tribes, there are five guiding principles which are popularly known as Nehruvian Panchsheel. These five Principles are.

1. Tribals should be allowed to develop according their own genius.

2. Tribals` rights in land and forest should be respected.

3. Tribals teams should be trained to undertake administration and development without too many outsiders being inducted.

4. Tribal development should be undertaken without disturbing tribal social and cultural institutions.

5. The index of tribal development should be the quality of their life and not the money spent.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is further formulating a comprehensive National Tribal Policy, including protection of tribal culture. The policy is still at draft stage and yet to be finalized as per the established procedure.